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WITHIN THE WEEK

The 7% payroll assessment which JOHN L. LEWIS demands to finance a miners' health and welfare fund is, indeed, as the operators phrase it "a new social theory and philosophy."

There is, of course, nothing basically revolutionary in welfare fund idea. The unique feature of the LEWIS plan is that it throws the complete financial burden on the operators, while the full administrative responsibility centers in the union. Or, to put it another way, union spokesmen say, in effect, give us a specified sum of money and we'll decide later how it is to be distributed.

Practically, the special committee representing the coal operators had no alternative but to reject the royalty assessment—a fact which Mr. LEWIS well knew when he drafted his proposal. This is an issue that goes beyond wages, hrs and working conditions. In point of fact it is beyond the power of the entire body of operators to resolve the question satisfactorily. For our gov't, representing the public, must become directly concerned.

Reduced to simple terms, there are 2 questions which affect the average citizen: He should ask himself: (1) Am I willing that trade unions should administer, exclusively, the large sums which may be set aside for the social welfare of workers? and (2) Am

I willing (and able) to foot the bill for such welfare programs?

These questions are important because there can be no doubt that the powerful, pace-setting UMW group is seeking here to set a precedent which other unions will not be slow to follow. And there can be no doubt, either, that you, as a taxpayer and as a purchaser of basic necessities, will foot the bill.

Certainly, in the case of coal, the contribution will be yours. From what other source can it come? This proposed assessment (which is merely a prelude to demands for a substantial wage hike) cannot be paid by the operators. This fact was determined in investigations concluded mo's ago. Coal is one of the sickest industries we have, beset by chronic problems, and hard-pressed in the more profitable mkts by oil, gas and electricity. It is not an exaggeration to say that no one is making any money—and no one has made any money for a long time—in the mining of coal. Profit, if any, comes from by-products and subsidiaries.

These facts are well known to all concerned. The operators cannot agree on the royalty principle unless gov't supports the program and you pay the bill. A clarification of issues by the President long ago might have done much to settle this controversy.



SHIFTING SANDS

CPA has completed survey of educational facilities; estimates 1,800,000 college students for Fall '46. This is half-million above prewar peak, but still leaves estimated half-million veteran applicants for whom there's no room. There's gen'l agreement that colleges must expand physical facilities, but some old-line institutions balk at cluttering campuses with hasty, ill-constructed bldgs. Understandably, they want to carry out long-range expansion programs. Situation requires tact. There's now definite decision to convert army camps into colleges; gov't to provide physical facilities, nearby colleges to furnish instructors, issue diplomas without discrimination. . . MELVIN BROCKMAN, of United Air Lines, addressing Independent Movers in Chicago told group they have little to fear from air competition; present planes not adapted to furniture. Eventually air lines may use moving companies for pickup, delivery, feeder service.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"If lasting peace is ever to come to our troubled world, women, and women alone, the mothers, the wives and sisters of men, will be the authors of the plan which will prevent war."—HAROLD H HAMILTON, Nat'l Comdr, Military Order of the Purple Heart. 1-Q

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"Children like contemporary heroes, and besides, some of the classics, if portrayed on the radio, would blast us right off the air."—Miss JOSETTE FRANK, education associate, Child Study Ass'n of America, confessing provision of radio fare suitable for children is A-1 riddle. "We've got to face the hard facts. . . programs designed for children actually have fewer juvenile listeners than do the 'thriller' programs designed for adults." 2-Q

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"It occurred to those of us who are just starting a nation-wide drive to restore Washington's boyhood home. . . that the treasury of the U S might well get the drive off to a flying start by contributing the am't of salary still due the first President."—EDWARD H CAHN, pres Geo Washington boyhood home restoration, suggesting unclaimed balance (\$3,908) of 1st President's salary be donated to help restore Ferry farm, Stafford County (Va) as nat'l shrine. 3-Q

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"There's been a 500% increase in the slack-wearing female population. I can't possibly make enough to cover the—er—sales demand."—LOU SCHAEFER, clothing mfr. 4-Q

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"It is very comforting to us to know that these price ceilings are off."—JOSEPH R FARRINGTON, of Hawaii, commenting on recent announcement of OPA Administrator PAUL PORTER of removal of price ceilings on ice hockey equipment in Hawaii. (FARRINGTON declared he had "never seen a pair of ice skates until I came to the mainland.") 5-Q

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"Nothing much is really going to happen at the tests of the atom bomb."—DR ALFRED O C NIER, prof of physics, Univ of Minn, one of bomb's developers. "The real danger is that the people are going to think the bomb has been overrated, and be lulled into unconcern." 6-Q

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YOU ON THAT?"

"The dance floor is dusty and bags of rice are piled on the orchestra platform. The sign that says, 'Gentlemen will please sing the same song the orchestra is playing,' is covered with cobwebs."—DOMINADOR TOMBO, Filipino, describing lack of nightclub activity in cities since GIs have left Philippines. (Quoted by WALTER SIMMONS, *Chicago Tribune*.) 7-Q

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"I know what I'm talking about."—ALLEN STIGLER, of Paris, Ill, reporting, after 15 yrs' figuring, that it takes from 340 to 350 squirts from cow to get gal of milk. 8-Q

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"Few people realize that Alabama in the past has exported human beings as a crop, as it exported cotton and lumber."—W O DOBBINS, Jr, director State Planning Board. "The only way to keep our people at home is for more industry, for more service and trade enterprises to be established by individuals in Alabama." 9-Q

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"Impact of confident, aggressive, healthy American soldiers on a weary France suffering from a collective inferiority complex has caused the worst deterioration of Franco-American relations in all history."—THOMAS R PALFREY, prof romance languages, Northwestern Univ, former chief of civil affairs, France. 10-Q

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"Tho the British broadcasting system is dull, it is at least decent and we don't sell everything."—Lady NANCY ASTOR. 11-Q

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"The girls are too young, and many seem to be spoiled. All they want to do is go to expensive night clubs. The moon over Miami has lost its charm."—MORTON FRANK, Univ of Miami student vet, ex-

pressing view of most vets toward coeds: "Give 'em a nickel and tell 'em to call us in 5 yrs." 12-Q

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"Before you can get action, you've got to have a crisis. And in any crisis, someone's nerve has got to crack. I always bet that I can hold out longer than the gov't or the operators."—JOHN L LEWIS, labor leader. 13-Q

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"Why they'd run us right out of the theater!"—ALFRED DE LIAGRE, Jr, producer of the play, *Voice of The Turtle*, suggesting what might happen in forthcoming London engagement if mbrs of cast followed American version and scrambled fresh eggs. 14-Q

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"Take it and wash the Yankee and Communist taint off it. Spend it for your needs. Then vote like hell for Bilbo."—Sen THEO BILBO, of Miss, adjuring his followers on disposition of the "Yankee money" brought into Miss to defeat him. (Earlier, Bilbo advised constituents against accepting the money.) 15-Q

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"Architects who fail to incorporate provisions for modern electronics in the house of tomorrow will be building homes as much out of date as the gas light and the kerosene stove."—WM J HALLIGAN, quoted in *Electrical World*. "The house of tomorrow. . . will have an electronic heart; wherein will be contained a modern radio, an intercommunications system, a record changer, a home recording system, and a television receiver." 16-Q

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"Bikini was better. We want to go back."—King JUDA, Rongerik, Marshall Islands, sharing dissatisfaction of natives over removal from ancient home for A-bomb tests. 17-Q

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"It appears that there are cases of (Norfolk, Va. navy yard) laying off veterans of World War I in favor of veterans of World War II."—Rep RALPH H DAUGHTON, of Va. "We must do all we can for the returning veterans, but not at the expense of these older men." 18-Q

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"Many a girl has got her man by subjecting him at the proper psy-

chological moment to the joint effect of a cool face, warm lips and the subdued fragrance of an expensive perfume."—RALPH BIENFANG, pharmacy prof, Univ of Okla, in recently published book showing close interrelation of scents, colors, touch. 19-Q

"She ate slowly, and she ate a lot."—SAM BORRELLI, Northampton, Mass shoemaker, who played host to Mrs CALVIN COOLIDGE. (Invitation was extended when Mrs COOLIDGE presented SAM's daughter, FRANCES, with graduation pin in a class of nurse's aids. The menu: Italian spaghetti, roast chicken, wine.) 20-Q

"Boy, how we've changed in 6 yrs!"—Gen'l DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, posing for pictures with Gen'l DWIGHT EISENHOWER, after he landed in Japan. 21-Q

"Come and talk the matter over rather than have your representatives lure our girls."—FRANK AVERY, pres All-American Girl's Professional Baseball League, writing ultimatum to Mexican League pres JORGE PASQUEL. (PASQUEL is said to be laying groundwork for wholesale raid on girl baseball, softball talent in U S.) 22-Q

"We have offered baseball players better salaries, improved living conditions and reduced working hrs to play in Mexico. We come into court with no apologies for these actions."—BERNARDO PASQUEL, prior to hearing in N Y Supreme Court on order to restrain Mexican League from attempting to lure Yankee players away. 23-Q

"(Britain is) crowded with Hindu students and American soldiers, all of whom would like to see me, just as they would like to see a giant panda."—GEO BERNARD SHAW's postcard answer to 2 Indian students who requested interview. 24-Q

"... In the hands of strength lie the keys of peace and war."—Field Marshal Viscount MONTGOMERY, of Great Britain, new Chief of the Imperial Gen'l Staff, addressing his troops on the anniversary of the end of the European war. 25-Q

"It's fine and very satisfactory. It helps you to plan your meals

and gives me new ideas on food."—Mrs JOSEPH O'CONNER, of West Orange, N J, who, with her husband and another couple, volunteered to try an experimental 2,500-calories-a-day diet. At the end of the 1st wk, they reported they felt in good condition, had lost no weight. The diet has been prescribed by Newark Health Officer CHARLES V CRASTER. 26-Q

"I admire your ear. But please stop whistling!"—ARTURO TOSCANINI, halting orchestra during practice in Milan, Italy, to silence painter at work in auditorium. 27-Q

"I have a car of this model. Maybe I can get it started for you."—STEVE JENNINGS, Blairsville, Pa, offering to help youths with car stalled on railroad crossing. (Good Samaritan gesture paid off—the car was his own!) 28-Q

"Faster than you can say 'shave and a haircut, two bits.'"—Spokesman for newlyformed New Britain, Conn, Free Haircut Club, describing speed with which club mbrship is growing. (Club formed following local barbers' proposal to raise haircut price from 75¢ to \$1. Mbrs will cut each other's hair—for free.) 29-Q

"Such sound waves would set up vibrations that would shatter the ear drums and the blood corpuscles, yet nobody would hear them. Death would come to them so suddenly that they would know nothing at all about it."—J M SYMES, English engineer, reporting discovery of way to use high frequency sound waves as weapon. 30-Q

"It was like fish paste and was served on toast."—ARCHIBALD FENNER BROCKWAY, political sec'y, British Independent Labor Party, describing taste of delicacy made from human hair by famished Germans. 31-Q

"Too often women are satisfied with a seat on the platform instead of place at the strategy board."—PAULINE E MADIGO, N Y, mbr Nat'l Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, winner 1945 achievement award, urging need of women in offices of political importance. 32-Q

"If the peoples of Europe and Asia must go to war to get food, they'll go to war. If they must

make a choice between food without freedom or freedom without food, they will take food."—Rep HELEN GAHAGAN DOUGLAS, in recent radio address. 33-Q

"You are insulting fine arts."—Japanese artist, offended by suggestion of Vice Minister TENEMI YAMADA that he and his fellow workers "produce something for the 500-yen-a-mo people," after they complained to the Ministry of Finance that nobody could buy their works because gov't regulations limited spending to 500 yen (\$33) a mo for each Japanese. 34-Q

"If I can sell one eye, and I don't mean for peanuts, I'm ready to do it right now. I figure I can get along with one eye just as well as with two."—GEO DEHNE, 38, foundry worker of Racine, Wis, offering eye for sale to pay off mortgage on home. 35-Q

"The OPA and its methods of attempting to handle inflation is only aspirin that may temporarily relieve a symptom but does not deal with the causes."—ALF M LONDON, 1936 Republican Presidential nominee. 36-Q

"It helps the men keep a line of retreat open."—An Ia collegian, explaining public, open-air necking on campuses. (Quoted by HARLAN MILLER, Des Moines Register.) 37-Q



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MINING THE MAGAZINES

If He Were Here To Choose, EX-T/Sgt H NEWTON OLIPHANT, *McCall's*, 5-46.

As our 1st peacetime Memorial Day in more than 4 yrs approaches . . . hundreds of U S communities, large and small, sincerely resolved to honor their war dead, are formulating plans for enough monuments, new parks and symbolic statuary to fill the Gulf of Mexico. . .

I think the dead GIs America proposes to honor would take their "self-consecration" another way and set it right down in the middle of "the humdrum affairs of everyday life." That is where you will find human beings, the way of life, the ideals they fought and died to protect. . . Is it a humdrum affair that more than a million buddies of our dead GIs are today walking the streets jobless, altho they're well and able to work? That thousands of others and their families are unable to find places to live? . .

Let's establish local foundations—GI War Memorial Funds dedicated to the objectives: 1) To make sure that every veteran in our community gets the things we promised him—a job, an education, adequate medical care. 2) To make sure that the families of our war dead are more than formally remembered. 3) To see to it that every man, woman and child in our neighborhood has enough food, a decent place to live and medical care when ill. 4) To keep ourselves and our neighbors ever alive to the inexorable fate that will overwhelm us all in this atomic age unless everyone of us wills with all his might and reason that human beings the world over must learn to live together.

That's a war memorial that will honor your dead GIs. And it's the only war memorial that will make sense to the GIs who survived them.

ATOMIC AGE—1

On a beautiful starlit night, Einstein was strolling the Princeton Promenade. He looked up at the sky and said, with a weary sigh: "Anyway, THAT the atom cannot destroy!"—*Hollywood Reporter*.

CONSIDERATION—2

One day a group of 7-yr-old campers were playing a game and one was selected to "count out." She began pointing from girl to girl, saying, "Eeny, meeny, miney, mo, catch a nigger by the toe." Following her words there was a silence of a few seconds. Then a little white girl blurted out, "My father and mother told me not to say that. I say, 'Eeeny, meeny, miney, mo catch a Negro by the toe.'" But the upshot of it was that the children decided to catch a monkey by the toe and they found that even more amusing. In such simple ways they showed their consideration for others.—THOMAS W PATRICK, "A New Kind of Camp," *Parents' Magazine*, 5-46.

CRIME—3

Crime must no longer be defined as an act which is punishable, but as something which demonstrates that the criminal is socially dangerous. "Shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary" must be translated into "shall be treated in a manner designed to prevent further injurious activity."—JOHN BARKER WAITE, "Revenge Costs Too Much," *Harper's Magazine*, 5-46.

DRINK—Drinking—4

In the motion picture version of *The Lost Weekend* there is a scene portraying the ward for alcoholics in Bellevue hospital, N Y C. An attendant remarks, "You should have seen this place during prohibition."

Religious jnls and temperance tracts are jumping spiritedly upon this anachronism. It seems that during the prohibition era there was no ward for alcoholics at Bellevue; the space was devoted to a children's ward.

EXAMPLE—5

The waves had receded, and 2 crabs were strolling about the beach. Suddenly the mother cried out to her daughter: "It displeases me that you shift from side to side as you do . . . You should go straight forward. There is no sense

in doing otherwise. See that you heed what I say."

"Well, mother," replied the young crab, "do but walk straight yourself and show me how, then I will follow you."—*The World's Great Fables*.

EXPERIENCE—6

When Frederick the Great was discussing the plans of a military campaign, he expressed a poor opinion of a certain gen'l who had been recommended to be placed in charge of a strategic division. One of the emperor's staff ventured to remonstrate, reminding him that the gen'l in question had been thru 10 campaigns. Old Fritz retorted: "Yes, and that mule over there also has been thru 10 campaigns, but he knows no more of war than when he began."—*Nuggets*.

FUND RAISING—7

Even earlier than (the 1st century B C) the pagan priests in some of the eastern temples worked out a cute device to raise money. The worshipper came in and placed a coin on a specified place before the image of one of the gods. The weight of the coin depressed a lever, which in turn worked a valve in the cellar connected with a hot water device. That caused a tiny stream of water to flow thru bamboo tubes to the eyes of the image. The worshipper was so deeply shaken by the spectacle of the gods weeping over him he was moved to make a heavy contribution to the temple.—ROSS L HOLMAN, *Commerce Magazine*.

GOD—and Man—8

A farmer wrote to a newspaper that he had plowed his land on a Sunday, sown his seed on a Sunday, reaped his harvest on a Sunday, and done his threshing on a Sunday. When Oct came he said, he found he had better results than any of his neighbors who had not worked on Sunday. He asked the newspaper how this could be explained. The editors's note below the farmer's letter consisted of a single line: "God does not make up His accounts in Oct."—WINIFRED G THOMAS, "Griffith Thomas on Preaching the Gospel in a Post-war World," *Moody Monthly*, 5-46.

HOUSING—Shortage—9

Paris, too, has its shelter problem as indicated by this anecdote in *Town & Country*:

Some people, in desperation, bought a flat from its owners (at an outrageous price) and after all papers were signed, asked when they could take possession. "Move in?" The former proprietors staged surprise. "Oh, no, we're staying on as your tenants. The law forbids the ejection of tenants. But we'll pay you rent."

They DO say. . .

The Amalgamated Jokesters have come upon darksome days, as they find their staple gags despoiled by science. Now comes word of a cellulose sponge to be left (intentionally) within the patient after an operation. It checks flow of blood; dissolves in the tissue. . . *The Denver Post* which traditionally carried in its masthead the slogan, "Dedicated in perpetuity to the service of the people. . ." now, instead, proclaims itself the "Voice of the Rocky Mtn Empire." And the *San Francisco Chronicle*, which formerly headed its collection of pertinent quotations, "Listen!" has changed to "Tumult and Shouting." . . . Contemporary Comment: ERNIE BUSHMILLER reports that baseball fans this season are yelling, "oleomargarine fingers!" JAS AGATE asserts that current crop of 9-yr-old-mentality movies should be labeled, "Not for Adults." . . . Overheard by IRVING HOFFMAN in the N Y garment center: "You're getting this material at the absolute black mkt ceiling price!"

INGENUITY—10

Ry's in the interior of Africa were laid by natives under the supervision of white engineers. The builders found their biggest problem was to get the lackadaisical natives to do any real work. They lit into their jobs as long as the boss was there to keep a stern eye upon them, but the minute he would leave, the men would lie back, chew grass, and dream about the next dance. . . One construction boss hit upon a brilliant idea.

He got a big glass eye, and when he left the gang he would place it with great ceremony on a stack of ties and tell his languid crew that the eye would watch them while he was gone. It worked fine for 3 wks. Then one day he came back to find his workers—every

single last one of them—lying down on the job. Someone had covered the eye with a hat!—MAUDE DAVIDSON, *Tracks*; hm, C & O Ry.

LABOR RELATIONS—11

In Grandfather's day there was a personal bond between employer and employee. For example, back in 1903 he toured Europe. When he ret'd, he summoned all his employees, presented each of them with hand-picked souvenirs and then for almost the whole day regaled them with stories of his travels.

Let the 1946-model employer go on a trip and the rank-and-file employees don't even know he's gone, so remote and inaccessible has he become.—JOHN H JACOBS, "Grandfather's Way Won't Work Anymore," *Rotarian*, 5-46.

MUSIC—in Industry—12

When an employer asked 1,311 employees what they thought of "working with music or working without it" the response was surprising. One did not care for it. Two did not think it improved working conditions. Four were indifferent, but 1,304 were enthusiastic about it.—HARRY E HOUGHTON, "Music Brings New Joy to Life & Work," *Etude*, 5-46.

OBSTACLES—Avoiding—13

Some men are like the stump the old farmer had in his field—too hard to uproot, too knotty to split, and too wet and soggy to burn. The neighbors asked him what he did about it. "Well, now, boys," he ans'd, "if you won't tell the secret, I'll tell you. I just plowed around it."—DAVID GRAYSON, *Under My Elm*. (Doubleday)

ORIGIN—Scuttlebutt—14

Somewhere between the foremast and the main on the old sailing ships stood an oaken barrel, bound with hoops of shining brass. In it was Jack Tar's most precious commodity—fresh water.

As a respite from scrubbing with the holystone, or after a tough trick hauling on the braces, the sailing man headed for the water butt and its copious scuttle, or dipper. Other mariners usually were there, and the pause that came with the drink made an ideal time to swap news and views. So shipboard gossip came to be known as "scuttlebutt."—*Ships*.



**CONFIDENTIALLY
THRU A
MEGAPHONE**

A new word has come lately into the lexicon of the common man: *fission*. The dictionary defines it as "a cleaving, splitting or breaking into parts." More specifically, fission is reproduction by spontaneous division of the body into 2 or more parts, each of which grows into a complete organism. It is the common mode of reproduction among bacteria. In recent studies of atomic energy, you have probably noted frequent reference to "fissionable material."

Heretofore, the public has been acquainted with only 2 of these fissionable elements: uranium and plutonium. However, the State Dept's in its recently released report on internat'l controls reveals that thorium, a naturally stable product, more plentiful than uranium, can be changed into fuel for atomic power. An even more startling revelation is the assertion that we have a practically perpetual source of atomic energy, inasmuch as more fissionable material is produced in an atomic furnace than is used up. Our stores of this power are self-renewing—and nature throws in a liberal bonus for good measure. It is at once a promising and an appalling prospect, depending upon whether or not we heed the awesome warning of the Federation of American Scientists: "He who permits the continued manufacture of the atomic bomb in our world will not live to remember the explosion."

On the heartening side, it is interesting to report that the American Cancer Society has requested, and is about to be granted the use of the uranium pile developed in our atomic bomb construction. Scientists assert that this pile contains long-lived radio-active materials, which may prove valuable in cancer research.

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AVIATION: Air cargo ranging from eggs to hardware can be dropped from speeding plane without damage in new rubber mail bag developed by U S Rubber Co for carrying air mail. Bag is heavily reinforced to withstand severe punishment; may be picked up, dropped in small areas without a landing, thus bringing air mail service to places with inadequate or no airport facilities. (*N Y Times*)

INVENTIONS: "Hydraulic leg" is being tested in Germany. Piston and cylinder of hydraulic mechanism are contained in calf of prosthetic leg. To piston are connected shafts which control ankle and knee movements. Mechanism is controlled by means of belt around waist containing small rubber bladder. In walking up and down stairs, slight expansion of waist muscles causes piston to close slightly, locking knee in required position. In ordinary walking on a level, hydraulic action is automatic. Ankle motion of appliance reproduces normal action so closely that it is scarcely detectable as artificial. *It is still in an experimental stage and is not ready for general use.* (*U P Dispatch*)

OFFICE APPLIANCES: Pocket adding machine, size and shape of fountain pen and with pencil point if desired, has on its cylindrical barrel a series of identical number wheel units which may be revolved with fingers. Thru gears these operate mechanisms that perform the addition, give proper answer. (*Science News Letter*)

PRODUCTS: New spun glass fly rod for fishermen, made entirely of finely spun glass fibers, guaranteed not to acquire "set" thru any normal use. Rod contains 538,000 glass fibers. One sq in of fibers will lift approx 1 million lbs wt. Under test now, rod will not be offered to public until '47. (*Shakespeare Co, Kalamazoo, Mich*)

PERSPECTIVE—15

This is the time of the yr when the crashing of the atom seems less important than the sprouting of a grain of corn.—*Grit*.

POVERTY—16

Poverty is not essentially a lack of money; nor is the mere lack of money poverty. Rather, poverty is the lack of ability, in any given set of circumstances, to get whatever is necessary for comfortable living. . .

The millions of world citizens who have never known much about money would be little better off if they rec'd a wkly pay check. In fact, stories have come out of the S Pacific to the effect that some of the natives see no point in cashing the army checks they receive. These natives are penniless—poor from our point of view—and don't know it.—*Edw H FAULKNER, Uneasy Money.* (*Univ of Okla Press*)

RACE—Discrimination—17

The DAR has relaxed its rule of allowing only white artists to appear in Constitution Hall and will permit the Tuskegee choir to sing there. The ladies are receiving congratulations upon their safe arrival in the 20th century.—*HOWARD BRUNAKER, New Yorker.*

RESEARCH—18

Research is a process of finding out what you are going to do when you can't keep on doing what you are doing now.—*CHAS F KETTERING, Christian Science Monitor Magazine.*

SALESMANSHIP—19

A young man trying to sell a new product to a busy exec, met the familiar objection, "Your product may be good, but it's new. I'll wait awhile."

At that point the salesman walked quietly over to a window, drew a silver dollar from his pocket and threw it out. Then he ret'd to his argument. Presently, he repeated the silver-dollar routine. This time the prospect could no longer restrain his curiosity. "What are you doing?" he asked.

"Why," said the salesman blandly, "I'm throwing money out the window, just as you are."

The exec reached for his pen and the order blank. "So real salesmen are coming back!" he observed happily. "Now I know the war is over."—*This Wk.*

SPEECH—Speaking—20

If God allows a preacher to be truly eloquent half a doz times in his life he ought to be satisfied—that is enough.—*JOSEPH FORT NEWTON, River of Years.* (*Lippincott*)

"Words, words, words"

The thoughtless are rarely wordless.—*HOWARD W NEWTON, Redbook.*

How often a narrow mind and a wide mouth go together.—*JOHN W RAPER, Cleveland Press.*

"What is the longest word in the English language?"—*Quiz Column.* The one following this statement, "And now, a word from our sponsor."—*Cincinnati Enquirer.* 21

TRAVEL—22

Travel ought to be broadening, as the saying goes—it ought to whittle down prejudices, soften preconceived notions and give one a wider, more tolerant outlook. But, as Charles B Fairbanks observed, "How many there are who seem to travel for the purpose of setting up their rancor against all that is opposed to their notions."—*MARY HAMMAN, "Wish You Weren't Here," Mademoiselle, 5-46.*

UNDERSTANDING—23

Understanding is the cement which can make "one world" out of fragmentary groups. Now that the emotions of group prejudice—fear, hate, and spite—have atomic weapons at their disposal, understanding has become the *sine qua non* of survival. The verb *to love*, which is the 1st commandment of every religion, must be interpreted as meaning also *to understand*.—*EVERETT R CLINCHY, "The Effort of Organized Religion," The Annals, 3-46.*

VISION—Lack—24

W C Durant, one of the 1st to see the great possibilities of the auto, predicted that some day 500,000 automobiles would be manufactured annually in the U S. This is said to have provoked Geo W Perkins, partner of J P Morgan to declare, "If he has any sense, he'll keep those notions to himself when he tries to borrow money."—*This Month.*

"But I am not such a one as slays giants. . ."

Thru unnumbered ages the story has been told of God's most magnificent sinner, the shepherd boy who became King of Israel. And now GLADYS SCHMITT has told it yet again in her stirring novel, *David The King* (Dial, \$3). Here we follow the unfolding scroll of a shepherd child mystic-marked by the prophet Samuel, thru a turbulent career in high places, to the final long-deferred victory and divine peace. It is a tale told with simple validity and a charm that should far outlast a single best-selling season. This excerpt relates the amusing yet tragic notoriety that served to alienate David from his native Bethlehem.

"Would my uncle know," asked Joab, "of the glorious tales they tell concerning the son of Jesse in Bethlehem?"

"What tales?"

David lay on his back and stared up at the airy emptiness. . . The prattling voice went on and on. . .

"But if my uncle would know what pleases them most, what makes the hands of the mother shake for sheer delight, what brings tears of joy into Jesse's eyes—it is when they remember how David slew the giant Goliath at Ephes-Dammim, with the help of God and a pebble from the brook."

"I?" David sat up. "It was not I who slew Goliath. Elhanan slew him. I slew him not."

"But the song is plainly a song of my uncle's."

"The song is a song of your uncle's. But the deed is the deed of Elhanan. Is that not known in Bethlehem?"

"The Judahites have given the deed to David together with the song."

"God," he said, striking the bed in rage and bafflement, "what fools—what babbling fools they are!" Oh, they had robbed him of his glory now. They had preferred the spurious stuff of their own imaginings above his accomplishments. And when the legend fell away, how small he would seem, how dull and petty in their eyes—the lad who was said to have killed a giant and who had merely played a mad king into sanity. No, he would never look on Jesse's face again. Now he could never go home.

"But is it an evil thing, my uncle, to be called a hero and the slayer of a monstrous Philistine?"

"Evil or good—what is the difference? It is not true."

"But what is true on this questionable earth? It is said in all

"Is it possible that my lord Abner, the captain of the host, knows nothing of these tales? Has my lord not heard how it was I, and not Elhanan, who slew the giant at Ephes-Dammim? Oh, they have exalted me in Bethlehem until I cannot enter my father's house unless I become a disgrace to the womb of my mother, or a miserable liar."

To be glorified out of one's own village—that was amusing. Yet Abner could not deny that the situation was painful. "Consider it no more," he said in a hearty voice. "Come with us to the winter campaigns and there slay a giant and go home in the spring."

There was sadness and futility in the voice that answered: "But I am not such a one as slays giants."

Israel that the giant's height was six cubits and a span. None will gainsay it. Yet is it true?"

"I tell you that I killed him not, nor ever saw him. His head I saw, and by his head, I—But what is his height to me?" . . . He would have said more, but his voice betrayed his weeping.

"What can I do to comfort my dear uncle?"

"Go back to Bethlehem and proclaim it at the gates, how it was Elhanan who slew Goliath, how David of Bethlehem slew him not."

"No, now, my uncle jests. . . Will he send me back to break the old, proud heart in his father's breast? Will he send me back to cause his mother to blush and turn all his sisters-in-law into objects for mockery at the well?"

David could not reply.



GEMS FROM

Yesteryear

A Letter to Saint Peter

ELMA DEAN

At this Memorial season, coming a scant three weeks beyond the first anniversary of European Peace, it seems particularly appropriate to present this simple, stirring tribute, the work of an English girl.

It is inscribed on a chapel wall of an American military cemetery in England.

Let them in, Peter, they are very tired.

Give them the couches where the angels sleep.

Let them wake whole again to new dawns fired

With sun, not war. And may their peace be deep;

Remember where the broken bodies lie.

And give them things they like, let them make noise,

God knows how young they were to have to die!

Give swing bands, not gold harps, to these our boys.

Let them love, Peter, they have had no time.

Girls sweet as meadow wind with flowering hair.

They should have trees and bird songs, hills to climb,

The taste of summer in a ripened pear. Tell them

How they are missed. Say not to fear;

It's going to be all right with us down here.

WAR—Peace—25

No American can dare to forget that he is a citizen of the greatest power in the world, the power on whose decisions hangs all the chance that mankind may have to avoid the utter destruction of another war.—GEO FIELDING ELIOT, quoted in *Think*.

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Quote

When John Marquand, the novelist, was leaving for the Pacific on a war-time foreign-corresponding junket he was entertained by fashionable San Francisco.

At one party, during a lull in the conversation, a matron asked him about his 2 sons, how they were doing, where they were, etc.

Marquand replied: "Well, one of my boys is in Okinawa and the other is in diapers."

The lady looked bewildered: "Oh, really! Where is Diapers?"—*Counterpoints*.

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A man we know called one of the very biggest (stores) and told the operator he needed some phonograph records. She connected him 1st with the store's archives, or records office which told him rather huffily that he wanted the record dept. The operator, who had apparently been listening in, said: "I'm sorry, sir. Which kind of records was you interested in—musical or classical?"—*New Yorker*.

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A man was describing a riotous scene to a friend: "It was terrific I tell you. Women screamed. Children wailed. Strong men cowered. Pandemonium had broken loose."

The friend shook his head, "Those foreigners will do it every time."—*Phoenix Flame*, hm, Phoenix Metal Cap Co.



OF THE WEEK

SCANDALMONGER: a prattlesnake.—*Future*.

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OCEAN: huge body of water surrounded entirely by rumors of everlasting peace.—*PETE SIMER, Best*.

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INFLATION: a period when 2 can live as steep as one.—*Des Moines Register*.

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COCKTAIL: an ice cube with an alcohol rub.—*Highway Traveler*.

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

CLARE LUCE
Congresswoman

One day I was wondering if I could put in one sentence all that I felt about America. Then I wrote the sentence. It was a rewrite of the 1st and last parts of the Declaration of Independence.

I worded it in the form of a resolution and just for the fun of it, I dropped it quietly into the House hopper.

In due time the resolution was read on the floor. It was then referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.—*Pathfinder*.

In a recent snowstorm, a Medford doctor's wife came out of a dancing school with her 3½-yr-old daughter. The snow was deep and encircled the little girl's ankles. In a short time a small voice said: "Let's call a taxi, mother."

"We can't, dear," came the answer.

After struggling along the sidewalk there came another suggestion: "Let's call daddy to come and get us, mother."

"Daddy is busy in his office, dear."

They trudged along in silence. The snow became deeper, and then in a very small voice came the observation: "I saw a lady and she was carrying HER little girl."—*Boston Post*.

After a half century of summering experience with natives of Maine resorts, the great Philadelphia lawyer, Geo Wharton Pepper, has a choice collection of stories. He says they seldom give direct answers. They don't like to commit themselves on any proposition. "Who lives on that farm?" Mr Pepper asked an old chap to whom he was giving a lift.

"Willie Richardson," he repl'd. Then, as if startled by his own definiteness, he added, "Leastwise I think his name's Willie. He's always been called that since he was a little boy."—*Curtis Courier*, hm, Curtis 1000, Inc.

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A pastor was praying in Church that the audiences might increase. "Amen," said the senior deacon in the front pew. The pastor asked the Lord to cut down traffic accidents. "Amen," again responded the devout deacon. "God grant the war will end right speedily," the pastor prayed. Again the hearty, "Amen!" from the worthy deacon. The pastor continued in prayer, asking the Lord to curb the tobacco habit; some of his parishioners were too much addicted. This time the deacon responded with a grave, sulen—"Ahem!"—*PHILIP J CLEVELAND, Pulpit Digest*.

